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SUBJ: BRUSSELS MEETING ON MOBUTU PLAN

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1. CONTRARY TO INFORMATION GIVEN US BY MFA DIRECTOR
GENRAL (REFTEL) WE LEARN THAT IRAN WILL INDEED SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO BRUSSELS MEETING IN JUNE. HE WILL BE IRAN'S AMBASSADOR TO THE COMMON MARKET ABDOL-ALI JAHANSHAHI, WHO IS RESIDENT IN BRUSSELS.

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2. BELGIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR TELLS US IRANIAN ACCEPTANCES OF INVITATION CAME IN FONMIN KHALATBARY'S REPLY TO LAST LETTER FROM BELGIAN FONMIN EXPLAINING WHAT IS INVOLVED, COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. IRANIANS "PRUDENTLY" POINTED OUT SHORTAGE OF FUNDS PREVENTS THEIR MAKING LARGE INVESTMENTS IN ZAIRE. AT SAME TIME, BELGIAN THOUGHT THEY WOULD WISH

TO SHOW THE INTEREST THEY HAVE IN ZAIRE'S POLITICALLY
STABILITY AS WELL AS ECONOMIC HEALTH, PARTICULARLY
IN LIGHT OF MOST RECENT EVENTS THERE INVOLVING CUBANS.

3. THIS TRACKS WITH INFORMATION FROM MFA AFRICA DEPARTMENT
HEAD MAY 15 WHO COMMENTED TO US ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ZAIRE BUT
SUGGESTED THAT INVESTMENT THERE WOULD BE DIFFICULT UNTIL
A BETTER CLIMATE IS ESTABLISHED THROUGH MORE ORDER AND
INTRODUCTION OF NECESSARY REFORMS.

4. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR FIRST GOI REACTION (PERHAPS
ONLY EXPRESSED IN MFA) AGAINST PARTICIPATING IN BRUSSELS
MEETING WAS OVERRULED FOR BROADER CONSIDERATIONS. GOI IS
STILL BEING CAUTIOUS ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED, THOUGH THIS
WOULD NOT NECESSARILY RULE OUT SOME TOKEN ASSISTANCE TO
ZAIRE EVENTUALLY IF SHAH JUDGED IT HELPFUL IN BRACING
MOBUTU AGAINST CUBAN-LED ATTACK.
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